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Dear Mr. Hays:

Thank you for your letter of 12 March 1958 requesting our views and recommendations concerning H. R. 11345, a bill to repeal the laws relating to the publication of the Official Register.

Informational material concerning the Central Intelligence Agency is not included in the Official Register, inasmuch as the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, as amended, exempts the Agency from the provisions of any law which requires the publication or disclosure of the organization, functions, names, official titles, salaries, or numbers of personnel employed by the Agency.

Although the Agency is not listed in the Official Register, we have found it to be a useful reference book in the conduct of the extensive liaison with other parts of the federal government which is necessary for the accomplishment of the mission assigned us by the Congress and the National Security Council. If however, your sub-committee determines that the Official Register is no longer of sufficient value to the Government at large to justify its continued publication, the termination of its publication would not impose an undue hardship on this Agency.

Very truly yours,

Allen W. Dulles

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